

Appl. No. 10/687,943

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application as amended is requested. By this Amendment, claims 10-12 and 17-19 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-9 remain in the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 10-12 AND 17-19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 10-12 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over JP 6-267555 as evidenced by Kakuta et al. in view of Fredley.

Claims 10-12 and 17-19 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 10-12 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103 has been overcome by the amendment and remarks.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 3-9 have been identified as being allowable.

CONCLUSION

No amendment made herein was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated; and no amendment made herein was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants attorneys at 480-385-5060.

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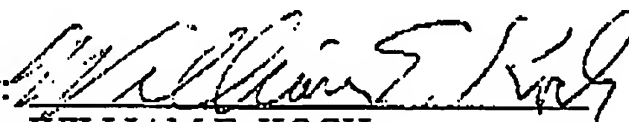
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If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 502,091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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